

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The specification has been amended as to form by the addition of section headings.

The previously pending claims have been canceled and replaced with new claims drafted to be proper as to form and to patentably recite the present invention.

New claim 11 is based on a combination of original claims 1 and 2 with the further limitation of "in an ergonomic way" supported at least by lines 13-18 of specification page 3.

New claim 12 corresponds to original claim 6, new claim 13 corresponds to original claim 5, and new claims 14-17 correspond to original claims 7-10.

The Official Action objected to the drawings. The feature of the invention objected to has been removed from the pending claim set.

The Official Action rejected claims 2-3 under §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. More specifically, the Official Action objected to the recitation of a braking means and brake control means. Again, the replacement claim set does not include these features of the invention.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the drawing objection and withdrawal of the §112, first paragraph enablement rejection, are solicited.

Claims 1, 5, 7, and 8 stand rejected as anticipated by FUENTES 5,358,463.

Claims 2, 6, and 9-10 stand rejected as obvious over FUENTES in view of WALLISCH 4,770,409.

FUENTES discloses an exercise device comprising a gripping piece 12 with a hollow central part which is not conformed to receive in an ergonomic way the palm of a user's hand. Accordingly, this reference is not anticipatory of new independent claim 11.

Nor do any of the other documents cited by the Official Action disclose the recited hollow central part conformed to receive in an ergonomic way the palm of a user's hand.

Therefore, new claim 11 is not anticipated by any of the cited documents. Furthermore, in the wrist exercise device disclosed in WALLISCH, the finger indentations 56 cannot be considered as "recesses extending beyond the central part" of the apparatus as recited in new independent claim 11.

Consequently, one skilled in the art would not find in the cited prior art teachings for proposing a gripping piece provided with a hollow control part conformed to receive in an ergonomic way the palm of a user's hand.

For the above reasons, new independent claim 11 is believed patentable and its allowance is solicited.

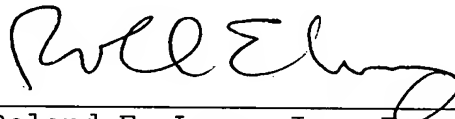
The dependent claims are believed allowable at least for depending from an allowable claim.

Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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